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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

ONE year ago in our January issue of the ALEPPO NEWS I stated: "Despite adverse business conditions we feel that Aleppo has experienced a reasonably successful year (in 1940) and we look forward to 1941 with unqualified optimism.

Optimism—in conjunction with affirmative effort on the part of those members comprising our Membership Honor Roll—plus most commendable effort and cooperation in the Recorder's office, and a determined drive to restore to our ranks some hundreds of former Nobles we were convinced would welcome the opportunity to once more dig out the old Shrine pin and red fez, have all combined to make 1941 the most successful twelve months for Aleppo Temple in the last fourteen years.

The comparative story for all of 1940, and only 11 months of 1941 (to December 1 only) already reads as follows:

	Created	Affiliated	Reinstated
1940 (12 months).....	86	11	53
1941 (11 months).....	112	20	400
	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions
1940 (12 months).....	223	57	157
1941 (11 months).....	216	28	?

Membership January 1, 1941: 9260; membership December 1, 1941: 9548. This means, that even with the usual average number of deaths, demits, and suspensions during the closing 31 days of this year, Aleppo Temple will show its **first net gain in membership since 1927**—a period of 14 long years! That is a record of which we have every reason to feel proud. And I take this opportunity to express grateful appreciation to those loyal Nobles of Aleppo Temple who have thus assured, for some time to come, our continued ranking as the fourth largest among the 159 Shrine Temples of North America.

Under present business conditions—with income from our Permanent Fund declining from a high of \$29,806.83 in 1930 to \$14,277.13 in 1940—almost entirely due to the sharp drop in savings bank interest rates, one helpful factor has been the diminishing spread this past year between Life Members and Regular (due-paying) Members. As of January 1, 1941, there were 4,936 Life Members compared with 4,324—a spread of 612; and on December 1, 1941, there were 4,880 Life Members as against 4,678 due-paying Members—a difference of only 202!

I have always felt that the Nobility would retain membership, and would return to membership, if our activities were such as to encourage the continued interest of the Nobles and their families. A summary of events for the year 1941 is as follows:

- Jan. 25 Annual Meeting and Vaudeville Show.
- Jan. 28 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—Virgil W. Petersen of the F. B. I.
- Feb. 25 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—District Attorney Robert F. Bradford.

- March 24 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—Hon. George Shepherd, personal advisor to President of China.
- March 28 Afternoon Floral Bridge at Copley-Plaza Hotel—benefit Shriners' Hospital.
- March 28 Evening—**Copley-Plaza Hotel Dance and Ladies' Night** (no charge to members).
- April 23 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—James H. Powers, foreign news editor *Boston Globe*.
- April 30 Aleppo Night at New Bedford Shrine Club.
- May 23 **Spring Ceremonial** and Vaudeville Show.
- May 26 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—Gen. Daniel Needham of Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.
- June 10-12 Imperial Council Session at Indianapolis.
- July 16 Shrine Golf Outing—Commonwealth Country Club.
- Aug. 20 Shrine Golf Outing—Woodland Country Club.
- Sept. 17 **Shrine Baseball Day** at Fenway Park.
- Sept. 25 Special Business Meeting and Conferring Degrees.
- Sept. 27 Northeastern Shrine Council parade and meeting at Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- Sept. 29-Oct. 4 **Shrine Circus** at Boston Garden.
- Oct. 21 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—Mayor Maurice J. Tobin.
- Oct. 22 Shrine Golf Outing—Wollaston Golf Club.
- Oct. 31 Afternoon Floral Bridge at Hotel Statler—benefit Aleppo Temple Charity Fund.
- Oct. 31 Evening—**Hotel Statler Dance and Ladies' Night** (no charge to members).
- Nov. 18 Aleppo Night Worcester Shrine Club.
- Nov. 21 **Fall Ceremonial** and Vaudeville Show.
- Nov. 25 Copley-Plaza Shrine Luncheon. Speaker—Attorney-General Robert T. Bushnell.
- Dec. 19 **Stag Wrestling Night and Smoker** at Boston Arena (no charge to members and friends).

Our annual meeting, election and vaudeville show will be held on **Friday, January 23, 1942**. Won't you **pin the above record of 1941 events in your hat**, and **show it to that Knight Templar, or 32° Scottish Rite Masonic friend**, who as yet has failed to realize that membership in the Shrine is just what he has been looking for? Why keep it a **secret** that Aleppo Temple is **one fraternal organization that went ahead in 1941!**

Let's have that Shrine Application any time up to 4 P.M. on Friday, January 23, 1942.

Yours with and in the Faith,

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.

Illustrious Potentate.

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**ALEPOO AGAIN LEADS THE WAY
PURCHASES LIMIT OF DEFENSE
BONDS**

SUPPLEMENTING a similar purchase of \$50,000.00 worth of United States Defense Bonds during 1941, the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple, on motion of Potentate Wilson, at a meeting of the Trustees held on December 30, 1941, unanimously voted to buy the Government limit of another \$50,000.00 worth of Government Defense Bonds, starting January, 1942.

This makes a total purchased by the Permanent Fund of Aleppo, of \$100,000.00 and represents the limit allowed by the government to be purchased by a fraternal organization or individual in a two-year period.

The so-called playground of Masonry knows how to play the game when it comes to lending a helping hand to our government in time of need.



HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOURS?

JUST like the baker kneads his dough, you need your 1942 Shrine Card in order to attend the coming annual meeting Friday, January 23, 1942. You will also need it for the other Ceremonials and business meetings of the Temple to be held next year, as well as the many events planned for the members of Aleppo in 1942.

The payment of *your* annual dues plus the remittance from the other fellow is what keeps the Temple on an even keel so its officers and committees can operate it for the best interests of all members who enjoy wearing a Shrine pin and who are proud of their membership in good old Aleppo.

There is no better time than right now for you to write out a check to Aleppo Temple in payment of the 1942 dues and hospital assessment and mail it to the Recorder; and he will, in turn, send you a beautiful robin's egg blue, 1942 model of the original Shrine card with your name and address properly engrossed on the same.

Don't wait until the day of the meeting, as that is a busy day for the Recorder, and he will appreciate your consideration NOW. You, too, will be

glad that you are not one of those Nobles who decides to get his Shrine card the day of the meeting, necessitating his standing in a long line waiting to pay dues.

A word to the wise is sufficient.



**AMERICAN LEGION WANTS YOUR
1941 AUTOMOBILE PLATES**

THE American Legion of Massachusetts has been asked by the Governor of the State to assist the Federal Government in collecting scrap steel, through a concerted drive for the old 1941 automobile registration plates.

At the suggestion of Noble Al Fruh, who is a member of Irwin W. Adams Post, No. 36, of the American Legion, all members of Aleppo Temple are asked to cooperate with the Legionnaires in this drive by sending their 1941 plates (or any previous year plates) to their local Legion headquarters or by leaving them at their local garage or gasoline station, not later than January 15.

The Legion will appreciate our assistance in this undertaking and every Noble responding to this appeal will be adding another little touch to the defense program which we should all be eager to support.



HONOR ROLL

THE following is a list of names of members of Aleppo who signed their name on the top line of applications for membership received in the Temple for the year 1941. Figures following names denote number of applications signed.

R. W. ALLISON—3
CHARLES H. AMIDON—2
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HARRY J. BAKER
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ALEXANDER CAMPBELL—2
C. LUTHER CASHIN
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FRANCIS E. HOMER
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ELMER B. JONES
LINUS E. JONES
HERMAN KLEIN—2
ELMER F. LEACH—2
C. HENRY LEARNED
HARVEY B. LEGGEE—2
LEO LEWIS
JOHN F. LOWRY

BYRON B. MABIE
J. HOWARD MACCAULAY
FRED C. MACINTOSH
A. KENNETH MARTIN
CHARLES H. McGEE—2
HAROLD MERRILL
WILLIAM MILLER
EDWARD C. MINER—2
HENRY P. MORGESTERN—2
THOMAS F. MURRAY
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ARTHUR H. PARSONS
HARRY C. PEAVY
VERNOR W. PELLEY
HUGO O. PETERSON, M.D.—6
MATHEW G. PHILLIPS
ABRAHAM I. PRANSKY
C. F. W. RAMUS
FREDERICK RICHARDSON
GUY P. ROBBINS
J. H. ROBINSON
LEWIS ROSENBERG
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WILLIAM J. SHANNON
EARL W. SHAW
FRED R. SMITH
WALTER M. SMITH—2
EVERETT B. STACEY
ANDREW STENBERG—4
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GEORGE H. WOOD—3
WALLACE H. WOOD
WARREN C. WOODWORTH



**NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON
JANUARY 27, 1942**

THE first of the 1942 series of Shrine Luncheons will be held in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Tuesday, January 27, 1942.

We had some very successful luncheons last year, with some of the most outstanding speakers yet to appear at these monthly activities.

For this 1942 season, the committee will no doubt procure men who will give some most enlightening and informative addresses on current events.

The regular Shrine Luncheon day, which is the fourth Tuesday of each month, has been engaged at the Copley-Plaza Hotel for the first five months of this year. Upon occasion it is necessary to deviate from these dates in order to procure an outstanding speaker who cannot speak on our regular luncheon day. If such is the case our monthly magazine and Shrine luncheon postcard notice will announce the change.

If you have not been receiving the postcard notices of these monthly gatherings, drop a line to the Luncheon Committee and ask them to put you on the mailing list in order that you may keep in contact with all information regarding these luncheons.

Make a note on your calendar now, reserving the fourth Tuesday of the first five months of this year for Shrine Luncheon day.

Come out to lunch and help the bunch to drive dull care away.

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OUR MEMBERS SHOULD SEE AND HEAR THIS CEREMONY

**5:00 to 7:00 P.M.—Buffet Dinner
6:15 P.M.—Concert by Band
6:45 P.M.—Business Meeting and Annual Election
7:15 P.M.—Grand Vaudeville Show**

Following the Business Meeting there will be an evening's Entertainment of High Class Vaudeville under the direction of Noble "Charlie" Pike.

Your 1942 Shrine Card IS NECESSARY for Admittance.

**SEND YOUR CHECK FOR IT NOW! DON'T WAIT UNTIL THAT DAY AND HAVE TO STAND IN LINE—
DO IT NOW.**

Attest:

Walter W. Morrison
Recorder

Telephone KENmore 0678

Robert Gardner Wilson Jr.

Illustrious Potentate

IMPORTANT NOTICE — Section 206 of Article 24 of the Code of the Imperial Council: The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, or Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble, or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election.
The Recorders of Temples shall mail a notice of the annual session and election to all members of the Temples at least one week prior to date of said election, and said notice shall contain this section.



By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

MAJOR VAUGHAN announced at the Christmas dinner, December 23, that the average attendance at drills for the past year was 95.6%. But few organizations can put up such a record as that. It is remarkable, too, because many of the members have been busy with air defense projects and industrial defense work and several are officers in the State Guard, making it necessary for them to be absent from drills.

The Sports Night of Aleppo Temple, December 19, was as well attended as any in the past. With Paul Bowser, the greatest promoter of wrestling in the East, directing the show, and Gus Sonnenberg, recent world champion, on the program, the exhibition was bound to be a stellar attraction.

The following members of the patrol had charge of seating: Walter Benson and Leslie Dixon with Clyde Carter, Ben James, Charles Gunnarson, George Gardner, Nat Stacey, Russ Samuel, Herman Waldstein, Orrin Andrews, Bill Sharpe, Tom Wyman, Charlie Taylor and Louis Buchsbaum.

Now that our country is really engaged in war, the news of the men and the activity of the units is more sporadic and obscure than usual. Everything is changed and we do not know what is ahead for us. Some of the men are working long hours in defense industries, while others find their business retarded and almost wiped out because of the need for war materials. In several cases our men are engaged in war work, which cannot be publicized. Everybody is trying to do his job in the crisis, and these men "whose halos fit but loosely" will do their utmost, as they have in the past, to fight this war in such capacity as they are able.

Dr. Stacey is getting away from it all for a few weeks with a trip to the South. He left Boston with Mrs. Stacey December 28, in his new big Buick, headed for West Palm Beach.

Bill Aldrich looked good at the head table December 23. It was the first time in two years that he has participated in our livelier celebrations. We can remember when his voice reverberated throughout the great hall in the delivery of his ritual. We hope to see him oftener.

Fred Wegener is turning them away at his restaurant in Winthrop. Members who have visited him at 16 Taft Avenue say that they got a royal welcome and the best food they had ever eaten.

Speaking of eating good food reminds me somehow of George Gardner, our rotund policeman, upon whom the first platoon dresses their line—if you know what I mean. Every month George

seems to get installed in some new office. This month he was installed as treasurer of the Police Square Club. It also reminds me of an occasion some years back when that Club visited my Lodge to install the present Deputy Superintendent, and with them came Jack Ray, Carl Perry, and many of the old timers from Greater Boston. Incidentally, George looks very little different than before he grew that funny moustache—after all, his sylph-like form prevents him from adopting any kind of effective disguise.



NOBLE CONIA ATTENDS FLORIDA CEREMONIAL

OUR Recorder received the following interesting letter with reference to a ceremonial in Tampa, Florida.

"Dear Friend Morrison:

"The ALEPO NEWS just received today.

"I should have sent you my address before this. Mrs. Gonia and I arrived here in November and located at 1311 15th Avenue, South, St. Petersburg, Fla.

"November 29th last, Egypt Temple took possession of this city. In the afternoon there was a parade from the center to the pier, about two miles distant. Over 1400 Shriners marched, and a Ceremonial was held in the assembly room at the pier. Forty-three different Temples were represented. Fourteen Nobles from Aleppo were there, and at 6:30 the ladies joined us in a buffet supper.

"The Patrol did good work but few in number compared to Aleppo Patrol.

"We motored down and had wonderful weather all the way. It is grand weather here now and the number of tourists is somewhat smaller than usual.

"I trust you will have a good time Christmas. Please see that ALEPO NEWS is sent to the above address."

"Sincerely yours,

"NOBLE GEORGE B. GONIA."

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING,
Associate Editor

"TO MAKE THE PUNISHMENT FIT
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WELL, Christmas is over for another year and we can dig down in our jeans (provided we have any jeans left) and pay the bills. That's the hardest part of the holiday season; but we always come up smiling even though we are broke or badly bent.

The band turned out for the Stag Party on December 19, but not as large in numbers as usual. It was a bad time of year for many of the boys as it came so near Christmas. However, we played from 7:00 until 8:00 o'clock, when the "groan and grunt" boys took over and put on their act. No more rehearsals until after New Year's.

Noble Cy Wilton, of the trombone section, has recently entered the employ of the Charles D. Blake Co., wholesale and retail piano dealers. He was originally employed by this firm over 30 years ago, but left in 1910 and went into another line of business. "Cy" has one of the best collections of tools and instruments for repairing and tuning pianos in these parts. He is now back in the same job he had 30 years ago and is employed by the son of his former employer. It is some record when a man gives up his position to go into some other line of work and 30 years later returns to his former concern and carries on from where he left off. "Cy" also has a great assortment of brass horns, and the Lord only knows how many different kinds of cigar lighters. If you ask him for a light he will fish one out of any pocket. We don't know whether the gas shortage will affect him or not, but it must take quite a bit of fuel to keep all these lighters filled and ready for use.

We had a Christmas card from Noble "Lew" Carpenter, our former drum major, in the form of a calendar. It depicted a scene of an old English Inn with a coach and four. We imagine "Lew" wanted to call attention to the change in mode of travel from the "horse and buggy" era, as he runs a filling station up in Henniker, New Hampshire. He also sells antiques as well as operating a lunch counter, and as a side issue dispenses justice (?) as the local magistrate. So take it all in all he must be a busy guy.

Everyone has a pet "peeve" or two, and one of ours is the person who sits in a crowded street car with legs crossed and foot sticking out in the aisle to rub against the clothes of those standing up. Unfortunately this attitude is not confined to the male passengers as the femmes are equally guilty in this respect. How to deal with these transgressors against good manners is a problem, because if you glare at 'em they pay no attention, or look as though they thought you were an old crab. We think the old operatic ditty is appropriate in such cases,

namely, "To make the punishment fit the crime—with something about boiling oil in it." No, we are not blood-thirsty, simply peeved.

C. C. F.



NOBLE AND MRS. STIEBEL CELEBRATE 60th ANNIVERSARY

IF anybody believes that being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine does not prolong the life of a man they should talk to that well-known old timer, Noble Hiram H. Stiebel. Noble Stiebel, who is 92 years old, celebrated, with Mrs. Stiebel, their 60th wedding anniversary, Sunday, December 21, 1941, at their home in Watertown.

The Stiebels were married at St. Louis, Missouri, December 21, 1881, which was six months before Aleppo Temple was instituted.

Noble Stiebel was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has voted in every presidential election since 1870. At the age of 15 he substituted during his father's illness, as a water carrier for the Union Troops in Ohio.

Noble Hiram has been retired from business for the last 25 years and before that time was for many years connected with the Anheuser-Busch Co.

He is a member of both York and Scottish Rite bodies and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in Edinburgh, Scotland.

He has been a member of Aleppo Temple for nearly 32 years, having affiliated to membership in Aleppo in 1906 from Moolah Temple of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Stiebel is residing at 152 Russell Avenue, Watertown, where he will be very happy to have any Noble call on him or drop him a line by mail.



GRAND COMMANDERY TO HOLD SYMPHONY CONCERT

ACCORDING to information received from the office of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that organization is to sponsor a social evening at the "Pops", Symphony Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, June 10, 1942.

The entire floor of 1200 seats has been reserved for the organization, which promises to be one of the outstanding Masonic affairs of the season.

Subordinate Commanderies are invited to purchase tables for the event, seating four, five, or six people, for Knights, of the Grand Commandery Templars, their ladies and friends. It is advisable for those who desire to

attend this affair to make reservations at once through their Commandery or by contacting the chairman of the committee:

EM SIR WALTER H. WOODS,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

for their tickets. Further information or reservations may also be made through the Grand Commander:

EM. SIR MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Masonic Temple,
Boston, Mass.

or the Grand Treasurer:

EM. SIR CHARLES W. HENDERSON,
JR., at their office in the Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

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By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

WITH one-third of the season behind us, Pettit's team is still hanging on to the top rung of the ladder by four points. The teams of Kittredge, Dyer and Halliday, in that order, are bunched with only one point separating each one. J. C. Juthe's and John Eaton's team trail quite a distance behind.

The champ for this month is Harold Chase, who sure went to town the other night. He not only rolled the high string of the season, a neat 146, but continued on to amass the huge total of 403 for three strings, which in all probability will stand for the season. K. A. Juthe, on the same night, became runner-up on the single by bowling 139, while your correspondent's 344 still is second to Harold's large total.

Chase also went into the lead in averages with 105, followed closely by Hill with 103, Kerr, Jones, Gordon, Robbins, Haak, Bearse, K. A. Juthe and Roberts follow in that order, for the first ten men.

Due to sickness and injuries, the league is calling for three or four more bowlers to fill in the vacancies. It seems that this should be possible in a Temple the size of Aleppo. Once you start to bowl with the Nobles you will enjoy it, and it will be hard for you to stay away. So come on Nobles, come down and see us the first Thursday night after this edition reaches you.

The members are sorry to hear of Frank Kittredge's injury. Frank was Captain of one of the teams and has to go to the side lines for awhile, if not the whole season. Fortunately Richards of his team brought in Noble Woodman to take his place.

Two weeks ago the Aleppo Team in the Amateur Boston Pin League went to Lynn to bowl the Oxford Club No. 2 team a double-header, due to a match being postponed earlier in the season. Aleppo copped the whole eight points to give them a position in the league within shooting distance of the top. Incidentally, that night in one of the matches, Harry Gordon rolled 392 to put him in third place in the averages with 112.

At the Annual Turkey Roll-off the four lucky Nobles (if I should say lucky) were Kerr, Howland, Jones and Haak.

A little belated but this column wishes you all A Happy New Year.

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SOUTH SHORE NEWS.

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
Associate Editor

THE South Shore is seeing hectic times. The crisis came with the fake air raid. About the same time a regiment of Service men arrived and took over the Masonic Temple in Quincy, also the one in Wollaston, now a Legion home, and various clubs and other halls. Some 25 Lodges had to find places to meet, and it has been some task. At the *Patriot Ledger* they made a list of every available hall and open dates.

Taleb Grotto cancelled its Ladies' Night and had a dinner and election in Chamber of Commerce Hall. Rural Lodge has gone to Delta's temple in Braintree; Wollaston Lodge to Milton Masonic apartments; Manet and Theodore Roosevelt to Atlantic Temple. Eastern Star and White Shrine to Quincy Odd Fellows Hall, also the St. Stephen's Royal Arch and Amaranth. The others have not decided where they will "light."

The Elks gave the DeMolays their Lodge room for a Christmas party. The boys had a few boxing bouts and entertainment, inviting the Elks to join them. Their mothers and fathers served refreshments. 'Twas a grand and noisy party for the young men were told they could go the limit.

The Knights of Columbus and Elks have offered their halls and rooms for meetings and committee sessions.

Walter Scott Hall, where the Clan meets, is the largest hall in the city now available.

The service clubs in Weymouth and Braintree have been moving. At Weymouth the Army took over Clapp Memorial and waited for the Rotary Club to finish dinner before moving in. Braintree Rotary lost Cochato Club and signed up for the Legion Building but that was taken. They met in Old Colony Gas Co. recreation room.

The saying is that Quincy has taken the Army, not the Army taking the city. Every man who was off duty Christmas Day was a guest at a private home and they had to draw men from the Navy Yard in Boston to supply the demand for guests.

Quincy Rotary put on a big Christmas party one noon. The other Clubs and Lodges all are awaiting dates for their parties. The officers who have been in the Army many years say that Quincy and the South Shore beats anything they ever experienced. Maybe we were not glad to see those convoys coming to town.

Emmet O'Brien, master of ceremonies at a party Christmas Eve in Quincy

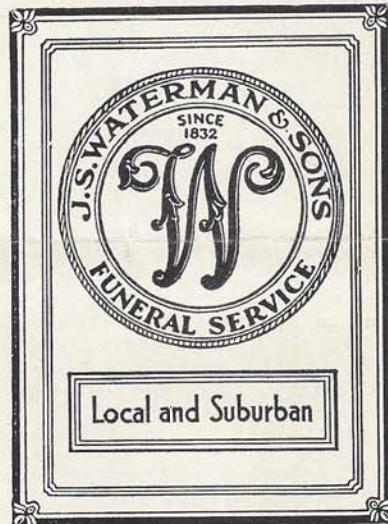
Masonic Temple, expressed the whole set-up. Looking out over the big auditorium with the Service Men sitting on their cots with a narrow space on the stage for the tree and those taking part in the show, he said, "This is a demonstration of unity of the American people. Out there are men of every creed and race, American citizens. On the stage is a bunch of Knights of Columbus; St. Ann's wonderful choir and the Daughters of Isabella, who will serve refreshments. We planned this party in the Knights' Clubhouse. The military officials suggested that we come here and they would let us use the stage." It was an ideal Christmas program of those old hymns and songs with music by the boys' own band. Then the tree with the Chaplain, Father Carrig, and Captain Connors assisting the women and Knights in giving out the presents.

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NOTES OF NOBLES

IN going through our membership list of Aleppo Temple we came across the name and address of one of our Shriners, John Martinson, who for the past several years has been with the United States Engineers at Midway Island, T. H., that little island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean that has been such a quiet little spot until recently and at this writing the Japs are pounding away, trying to take over the island. We hope that Noble Martinson comes through with flying colors and perhaps he will drop us a line sometime, giving us an account of what took place.

A recent visitor at Shrine Headquarters was Asst. Rabban Charles W. Sylvester, of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Maryland. Noble Sylvester was in Boston attending the National Convention of the American Vocational Association, held at the Statler Hotel with 4,000 in attendance.

He was re-elected National Treasurer of the Association for the fifteenth consecutive year. Asst. Rabban Sylvester was one of Boumi Temple's committeemen who assisted in entertaining the Aleppo contingent so wonderfully when they attended the Imperial Council in Baltimore in 1929.

Potentate Wilson recently received a communication from the Potentate of Acca Temple of Richmond, Va., who evidently had been interested in reading the figures in connection with the increase of membership of Aleppo Temple during the last year.

The Potentate of Acca advised that in November they held a banquet which was attended by 1500, which represented the largest gathering of Shriners since their mosque was dedicated in 1928. He also stated that last November they held a most successful Ceremonial at which time they had over 50 candidates in their Temple of only 1,886 membership.

A letter received from the well known Dr. George E. Perkins, member of the Shrine Band, advises us that he is now Assistant Surgeon Medical Inspector at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Colonel Perkins advised us that he has been on duty with the Army since last April and would like to get back to Boston for a good old Aleppo Ceremonial. He also says that he took part in the maneuvers in North Carolina last November under Gen. Drum and advises that his duties required him to ride about 200 miles a day in one of the jeep cars, sleep on the ground in pup tents and enjoy the cool nights and warm days. He advises that the natives of North Carolina are very hospitable and do everything to make the things comfortable for the soldiers. "Doc", as he is known to the Band members of Aleppo, says the corn whiskey is not so "hot" and that he will be glad to get back to New England.

We recently learned through the Grapevine Channel that Charlie Fearing, one of our old timers in the Band who writes the Band Notes for the ALEPO MONTHLY NEWS, celebrated his 73rd birthday November 30, 1941.

Charlie was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for thirty-seven years. This organization, which was organized in 1868, recently consolidated with the New England Order of Protection and Charlie is now located with the new Company, acting as their secretary with new offices at 154A Newbury Street.

We wish you many happy returns of the day, Charlie, and hope you serve your new company as well as you did the old, and for as many years.

It is tough in these days of shortage in most everything, especially automobiles, to have a new car and have someone take a glancing blow at it and rip off two brand new mud guards. We didn't see the fun but were advised by good authority that our genial Judge and Potentate Wilson took a little ride the day before Christmas to try out his brand new Hudson, which had only been driven a total of 44 miles, and some jealous guy seeing a new car proceeded to demolish it for him. The language used at the scene was probably a little different than that used at the probate court, and the offender who ruined the fender had better not appear at the court for a divorce unless he is in disguise. Woe is me.

The names of several Shriners were noticed among the list of recent appointments to State positions by Governor Saltonstall. Noble and Senator Frank D. Babcock of Haverhill, former postmaster of that city, was appointed a State Labor Relations Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of the late M. F. Phelan of Lynn.

Senator and Noble David M. Brackman of Boston was appointed Associate Commissioner of Public Utilities for a five-year term, and Noble William S. Briry of Melrose was re-appointed a member of the Pharmacy Registration Board.

Every Noble of the Shrine knows about the wonderful work of the Shrine Hospitals. But few of us have the opportunity to come in direct contact with the situation and get the real thrill that comes from sponsoring a child for entrance to the hospital—watching the child through convalescence and then seeing it brought home, restored to health and ready to meet the world with a sound body.

Such a thrill was recently related by one of our Degree Staff members, Noble Grant Chandler, who had a little girl of thirteen years accepted in the Springfield Hospital. She has since returned from the hospital and is now attending a secretarial school in Boston. A recent visit to the girl's home, by Noble Chandler, revealed the fact that she was one of the top notchers in her school but was bemoaning the fact that she did not have a typewriter to practice on at home. He has taken upon himself the job of locating the

girl a typewriter and has asked for assistance. So, Noble, if you have an extra typewriter around the office that you have no further use for and would like to make a little girl happy, here is your chance.

LOST—One Shrine fez at the November 21st Ceremonial, belonging to Noble E. V. Sparrow, 63 Edgewood Street, Gardner, Mass.

FOUND—One small leather folder containing several photographs. The Noble who owns this article may obtain the same by calling at Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue. The article was found at the November 21st Ceremonial.

LOST—One Shrine fez at the Aleppo Annual Stag Wrestling Show, Boston Arena, December 19th. This fez is the property of Noble Ralph A. Jenkins of Stoneham and has much sentimental value as it was owned by his uncle, who was a member of Aleppo, and presented to Noble Jenkins when he joined the Shrine. He would appreciate any assistance in bringing about the return of his fez.

Freddie Goggin says, "Give the Japs enough Manila and they'll hang themselves."

Could be. But we understood that when they asked the Jap in the drug store what he wanted, he said, "I'll take Manila."

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